

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Kent J. Sieffert on 7/15/2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

4. Cancellation of claims 24 and 25.

Amendments to the Specification

5. Please amend page 6, line 14 through line 18 of the specification as following:
--Networking devices 18, 18" are more fully described in co-pending U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 09/680,675 now U.S. Patent number 6,834,297, 09/680,997 now abandoned, and 09/680,998 now U.S. Patent number 7,249,196, filed October 6, 2000, Nos. 60/239,552 and 60/239,071, filed October 10, 2000, No. 60/287,188, filed April 27, 2002, and No. 60/308,234 filed July 26, 2001, and No. 60/313,006 filed August 16, 2001, the disclosures of each of which are herein incorporated by reference.--

Drawings

6. The drawings filed on 10/10/2001 are acknowledged.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-23, 26 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haresh Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached at (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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